

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Program Title:	Multi-Ethnic Democratic Society
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	168-0210
Status:	Continuing
Proposed FY 2003 Obligation:	\$11,624,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$9,466,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$9,709,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	2000
Estimated Completion Date:	2007

Summary: This Strategic Objective focuses on three intermediate results: 1) Increased citizen participation in political and social decision making; 2) Strengthened legal systems that promote increased access to justice; and 3) More responsive, transparent and accountable governance. The Mission's democracy portfolio has moved from a macro-level focus to a focus on the local level where changes can be effected that improve the life of the average citizen and offer them greater opportunities for participation and control over the direction their country takes.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2003 Program:

Legal systems (\$2,071,000 AEEB). Emphasis is placed on activities promoting greater transparency in legal institutions, improved court and prosecutor management and administrative capacities, the professionalization of lawyers, judges and administrative personnel, an independent judiciary and the creation of an effective demand for justice by citizens. This program will be expanded in FY 2003. A component also has been added to provide support for State Court operations and administration. Other donors are also active in this sector, but unfortunately poorly coordinated and with few active projects. Principle implementers are ABA/CEELI and the Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector (IRIS).

Political processes (\$2,043,000 AEEB). A cooperative agreement with the National Democratic Institute (NDI) provides technical assistance and training to Bosnian political parties, and the Entity and State legislatures. A cooperative agreement with the International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES) focusing on electoral administration and training for election officials requires no additional funding. The next phase of assistance to strengthen political processes will continue the work of NDI at a reduced level. To promote more fact-based public policy debate, USAID will award a new grant mechanism to support NGOs that can undertake public policy analysis and advocate independent positions on major issues based on objective criteria. Implementers to be determined in second quarter of FY03.

Citizen participation (\$3,600,000 AEEB). USAID's program develops and nurtures a core group of NGOs capable of leading sector and social reform. USAID targets four major sectors of activity, including democracy and human rights, rule of law, economic development, and social safety nets. The Independent Media Program helps develop a more politically secure and sounder financial base that will allow the consolidation of the media sector in a free market economy and democratic society. A new activity, implementer to be determined, will provide more focused assistance on business sustainability for print and broadcast media organizations and enhance investigative journalism to expose corruption. These activities will comprise our exit strategy from the media sector. The principal implementer is the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX).

Local governance (\$3,910,000 AEEB). USAID is promoting efficient, transparent local governance in Central Bosnia through an approach which improves services from local governments and strengthens business and homeowner associations. A second local government initiative, the Local Government

Support Activity, began in September 2002. It will allow seven municipal governments in Northern Bosnia (including Brcko District) to dramatically improve their service provision. The principal implementers are the Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF) and PADCO, Inc.

FY 2004 Program:

Rule of law (\$2,737,000 AEED). USAID plans to continue support to rule of law and justice sector reform in FY 2004 with added emphasis on the courts. Implementers to be determined.

Governance (\$2,111,000 AEED). USAID will address issues pertaining to municipal elections in Bosnia-Herzegovina, with particular focus on deemphasizing ethnic divisions and towards greater emphasis on substantive local governance issues. In addition, a main challenge in FY 2004 will be disseminating best practices from its two targeted local governance activities to the nation's 150 municipal governments. Implementers to be determined

Civil society (\$2,352,000 AEED). USAID plans to continue support to civil society groups in FY 2004, with particular emphasis on direct grants to indigenous organizations that have demonstrated the capacity to be viable NGOs providing advocacy, social services, or other forms of support to citizens. USAID will continue to provide support throughout BiH to members of the independent broadcast and print media that have demonstrated the capacity to be viable and independent sources of news and programming. In addition, USAID will continue to support the establishment of indigenous institutions responsible for enforcing balanced policy objectives related to the media sector. Implementers to be determined.

Political Processes (\$1,760,000 AEED). USAID will continue to assist in the development of a more competitive and inclusive political process through support to political parties oriented towards democratic principles. USAID will assist political parties and parliamentary bodies in their efforts to reach out to a wider constituent base and to provide more effective representation. USAID will address issues pertaining to municipal elections in BiH, with particular focus on steering municipal politics away from ethnic issues and toward substantive local governance issues.

Children at risk (\$749,000 AEED). USAID helped fund an assessment conducted by UNICEF of BiH's most vulnerable children and the capacity of the government and society to meet their needs. USAID plans to continue its involvement by helping to design and implement action plans based on the results of the assessment.

Performance and Results: USAID support will increase access to independent sources of information by strengthening the profitability and sustainability of print and broadcast media. A strengthened media sector will help increase the accountability of politicians and institutions between elections through use of investigative reporting that highlights problematic conduct. Access to justice will be strengthened through the increased efficiency and professionalism of judicial and administrative decision making processes. Lawyers, judges, and prosecutors will be better equipped to provide fair and just solutions to legal problems. Political processes will be made more representative, through USAID-sponsored work with political parties and legislatures. Parties will be given tools to respond better to citizens and their own membership. Grassroots input into the political process will be strengthened with technical and material assistance provided to NGOs in Bosnia-Herzegovina. NGOs and civil society organizations will gain increased credibility and stature through their advocacy and service delivery activities. Municipal governments in Bosnia-Herzegovina will be better able to serve their citizens through increased efficiencies in service delivery. Local governments will be better able to attract and keep businesses and jobs. Municipal governments will be better able to engage in long-term financial planning, and will be able to better access credit markets.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Bosnia and Herzegovina

168-0210 Multi-Ethnic Democratic Society	AEEB
Through September 30, 2001	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2002	
Obligations	15,739
Expenditures	3,757
Through September 30, 2002	
Obligations	15,739
Expenditures	3,757
Unliquidated	11,982
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	9,466
Planned Fiscal Year 2003 NOA	
Obligations	11,624
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2003	
Obligations	21,090
Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 NOA	
Obligations	9,709
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	46,538